### UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE

**DOCUMENT N: COURSE AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COVER SHEET**

See Course and Program Development Policy and Procedures for Instructions

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**DEPARTMENT / DIVISION:** School of Information Arts & Technologies

**SHORT DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL** (state name of action item 1-20 and course name, code & number / program affected):

3. COSC 307 Administering and Supporting a Network Operating System - Reduction in credit hours from 4.0 to 3.0

**PROPOSED SEMESTER OF IMPLEMENTATION:** Fall X Spring □ Year: 2010

### Box 1: TYPE OF ACTION

- ADD(NEW) □
- DEACTIVATE □
- MODIFY X
t
- OTHER □

### Box 2: LEVEL OF ACTION

- Non-Credit □
- Undergraduate X
t
- Graduate □
- OTHER □

### Box 3: ACTION ITEM

**Check appropriate boxes**

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1. Experimental Course 1
2. Course Title
3. Course Credits
4. Course Number
5. Course Level
6. Pre & Co-Requisite
7. Course Description
8. New Course
9. Deactivate a Course
10. Program Requirements
11a. UG Specialization (24 credits or less)
11b. Masters Specialization (12 credits or less)
11c. Doctoral Specialization (18 credits or less)
12. Closed Site Program
13. Program Suspension 9
14a. Certificate Program (ug/g) exclusively within existing degree program
14b. Certificate Program (ug/g) where degree programs do not exist or where courses are selected across degree programs (12 or more credits)
15. Off-Campus Delivery of Existing Program
16a. UG Concentration (exceeds 24 credit hours)
16b. Masters Concentration (exceeds 12 credit hours)
16c. Doctoral Concentration (exceeds 18 credit hours)
17. Program Title Change
18. Program Termination
19. New Degree Program
20. Other

### Box 4: DOCUMENTATION (check boxes of documents included)

- X N. This Cover Sheet
- Q. Full 5-page MHEC Proposal
- T. Other
- X O. Summary Proposal
- P. Course Definition Document
- R. Financial Tables (MHEC)

1. Approval of experimental course automatically lapses after two offerings unless permanently approved as a new course.
2. Codes: a) Library Services (Langsdale or Law) □ b) Office of Technology Services □ c) University Relations □ d) Admissions
3. Letter of Intent is required by USM at least 30 days before a full proposal can be submitted. Letter of Intent requires only the approval of the dean and the provost and is forwarded to USM by the Office of the Provost.
4. One-page letter to include: Program title & degree/certificate to be awarded; resources requirements; need and demand; similar programs; method of instruction; and oversight and student services (MHEC requirement)
5. One-page letter with description and rational (MHEC requirement)
6. One or two-page document that describes: centrality to mission; market demand; curriculum design; adequacy of faculty resources; and assurance program will be supported with existing resources. (MHEC requirement)
7. Learning objectives, assessment strategies; fit with UB strategic plan
8. Joint Degree Program or Primary Degree Programs require submission of MOU w/ program proposal. (MHEC requirement)
9. Temporary suspension of program to examine future direction; time to not exceed two years. No new students admitted during suspension, but currently enrolled students must be given opportunity to satisfy degree requirements.
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10. Provide:
   a. evidence that the action is consistent with UB mission and can be implemented within the existing program resources of the institution.
   b. proposed date after which no new students will be admitted into the program;
   c. accommodation of currently enrolled students in the realization of their degree objectives;
   d. treatment of all tenured and non-tenured faculty and other staff in the affected program;
   e. reallocation of funds from the budget of the affected program; and
   f. existence at other state public institutions of programs to which to redirect students who might have enrolled in the program proposed for abolition.

11. University Council review (for a recommendation to the President or back to the Provost) shall be limited to curricular or academic policy issues that may potentially affect the University’s mission and strategic planning, or have a significant impact on the generation or allocation of its financial resources.

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O-1: Briefly describe what is being requested:

The number of credits for COSC 307 should be reduced from 4.0 credit hours to 3.0 credit hours.

| OLD Title: | Administering and Supporting a Network Operating System | Course # / HEGIS Code: COSC 307 | Credits: 4.0 |
| OLD Title: | Administering and Supporting a Network Operating System | Course # / HEGIS Code: COSC 307 | Credits: 3.0 |

O-2: Set forth the rationale for the proposal:

When the AIT program was initially designed, a decade ago, extensive in-class labs were customary. Although labs are still a fundamental part of the course, the software components and course content have changed to the extent where the duration of the labs are such that they can be conducted within the normal time allotted for a class (2.5 hours), and other exercises can be conducted by the student on personal systems at home (all students are expected to own a computer).

Prior to last term, the 4 credit courses ran from 5:30 – 9:45, essentially carrying 1.5 hours for each lab. The Dean's office subsequently ruled that, as the labs were not a separate component as is commonly done in the physical sciences, the class time should be reduced, ending at 9:00 instead of 9:45, thereby reducing the lab component from 90 to 45 minutes and further reinforcing the decision to reduce the excessive classroom time allotted for the labs.

The obvious advantage for students is a reduction in course fees – they are charged for one less hour. A second advantage is the possibility of taking two courses in one night, thereby reducing the overhead (travel, wait time, etc.) per course.

An advantage to the department is more effective use of the classrooms. The 4 credit courses overlap both evening time slots, only allowing one course per night in a classroom. As the networking & security courses are taught in a designated classroom (no Internet access), the one hour reduction effectively doubles the number of sections we can offer in a given term.